

19 February 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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1. This memorandum is for information only.

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2. [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] has put

out a story for release in the papers of tomorrow (20 February 1962) to the effect that Powers voluntarily has taken a lie detector test and that he also has voluntarily submitted to receiving a truth serum to assist the investigators.

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3. I told [REDACTED] that CIA had never discussed Powers or the U-2 with the Press and we would have no comment on this latest story. [REDACTED] remarked that there was just too much information getting out from some place on Powers, such as the Brinkley story and several stories of last Saturday (17 February 1962) to the effect that Powers had been unable to give any testimony other than that which he had given at his trial, indicating that his plane had actually been disabled at 68,000 feet.

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4. I told [REDACTED] that I do not know where these stories originated, that I read them, that the only official information put out was initially by the White House and then by Linc White at the State Department, to whom we have referred all inquiries received here. I told [REDACTED] I have no idea who is leaking the stories and could not comment on the accuracy or inaccuracy of the statements.

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5. For what it is worth, the [REDACTED] story was by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], aviation editor.

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